



# **OUNBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR , 1972.**

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Dundee.

August, 1973.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Environmental Health of the Urban District for the year 1972.

This report has been compiled on the instructions set out in the Department of Health and Social Security Circular No. 1/73 which was received on 5 January 1973.

The Vital Statistics for the District are set out on Page 6 and do not, I think, require special comment but it is satisfactory to note that no Infant Deaths, no Still-births and no deaths classed to Pregnancy or Childbirth occurred during 1972.

The incidence of Infectious Disease was extremely low.

On 26 May, information was received that foreign necklaces had been imported, mainly from Africa, the beads of which contained a toxic poison, i.e. Abrin.

A check was accordingly made on Fancy-Goods and Toy Shops and Head Teachers were apprised of the situation. Thirty strings of these beads were found in various places throughout Northamptonshire Health Division No. 2. and arrangements were made for their destruction by incineration.

An outbreak of Smallpox occurred in Yugoslavia in March and a circular letter was sent to each General Practitioner in the area advising vaccination against Smallpox for persons travelling to Yugoslavia.

Also in March, I was informed that instances of illegal dumping of Cyanide Waste within the County had recently come to light. This is a dangerous and illegal practice and the Public Health Inspector satisfied himself that no dumping of this kind had taken place on Council or privately owned tips in this County District.

It will be noted from Mr. Chinnery's section of the Report that the extension to the new sewage disposal works, to provide a capacity for a population of about five and a half thousand, was completed early in the year and samples of the final effluent have been satisfactory.

The use of tipping facilities at Stamford Borough Council's refuse tip at King's Cliffe was commenced during the year by arrangement with that Council as the available space left at Ashton Road Tip, Oundle, was almost exhausted.

A Housing Survey was carried out during 1972 and the results are given on Page 17. From this it will be seen that Oundle presents no special housing problem, the great majority of its houses providing modern living standards.

I must once again thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year and Mr. Chinnery and Miss Langley for their help in preparing this Report.

I have the honour to be,  
Your obedient Servant,

F. R. N. LYNCH  
Medical Officer of Health.



## SECTION A.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICSComparative Statistics for the Five Year Period 1968 to 1972

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Area of the Urban District (acres)	2,469	2,469	2,469	2,469	2,469
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	3,660	3,670	3,700	3,910	3,850
Number of Live Births	44	42	51	50	44
Legitimate	42	39	47	46	42
Illegitimate	2	3	4	4	2
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	12.0	11.4	13.8	12.8	11.4
Number of Stillbirths	-	1	1	3	-
Legitimate	-	1	1	3	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000					
Total Births	-	23.0	19.2	56.6	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population	-	0.2	0.2	0.7	-
Number of Deaths	72	50	58	40	42
Death Rate per 1,000 population	19.7	13.6	15.7	10.2	10.9
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Infant Deaths	-	2	1	1	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	48.0	19.6	20.0	-
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	-	-	20.0	-
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	-	-	20.0	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate	-	23.0	19.2	75.4	-
(Stillbirths and Deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths)					
Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis including late effects	-	1	-	-	-
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms	12	7	11	8	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	-



Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (acres)	2,469
Population 1961 (Census)	2,547
1971 (Census)	3,741
1972 (Registrar General's Mid-year estimate)	3,850
Number of inhabited houses 1961 (Census)	789
1971	879
1972	980
Rateable Value	£114,629
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£976

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The chief occupations of the inhabitants are as follows:-

There are several small factories in the town including Light Engineering and Footwear manufacture. Employment is also provided by the British Steel Corporation's great works at the New Town of Corby (11 miles) and also by the Engineering Works situated at Peterborough (13 miles).

Dundle School is one of the foremost and largest Public Schools in England. There are 750 boys on the roll.

The social conditions of the district are satisfactory and at the end of the year the rate of unemployment in the Corby area was 3.2 per cent of the working population. The National Rate was 3.5 per cent.

The density of the population is 1.56 persons per acre and the Housing Factor is 3.9.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS 1972

						<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>								
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	19	23	42
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
					Total	21	23	44
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population								11.4
Adjusted Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.13)								12.9
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>								
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
					Total	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total Births (live and still)								-
<u>DEATHS</u>								
Number registered all causes	...	...	...	...	...	19	23	42
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population								10.9
Adjusted Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.86)								9.4
<u>DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED CAUSES</u>								
Cardio-vascular Disease (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	17
Malignant Neoplasms (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	12
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	-	7	7
Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
<u>DEATHS FROM MATERNAL CAUSES</u>								-
<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS (under 1 year)</u>								
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...			-
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...			-
<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS (under 4 weeks)</u>								
Neonatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...			-
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...			-

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE 1972

List No.	Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	Age in Years								
						1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 and over
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
B19(11)	Dther Malignant Neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B27	Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
R2B	Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
B29	Dther Forms of Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B3D	Cerebrovascular Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
D46(6)	Dther Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
B32	Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(B)	Dther Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(9)	Dther Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE4B	All Dther Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	ALL CAUSES	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	2	11
		F	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	18

## COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

1. Population:- The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population, i.e. 30 June 1972, is 3,850. The corresponding figure for 1971 was 3,910 giving a decrease of 60 in the twelve months.
2. Births:- There were 44 live births in 1972, which is a decrease of 6 in the number registered for the previous year. This gives a Crude Birth Rate of 11.4 per 1,000 population. The corresponding figure for 1971 was 12.8.

It will be apparent that the Birth Rate and Death Rate in any place is influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that more exact comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Rate is multiplied by a number called the Comparability Factor, the result being known as the Adjusted, or Corrected Rate. These Comparability Factors are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution as shown by the Census. For Dundee the Birth Rate Comparability Factor is 1.13 and the Corrected Birth Rate standardised on the basis of age and sex composition therefore gives an Adjusted Rate of 12.9. The Adjusted Rate of 12.9 compares with 16.6 for 1971 and the Provisional Crude Rate for England and Wales of 14.8.

3. Deaths:- There were 42 deaths from all causes in 1972. The figure for last year was 40 and the corresponding Crude Death Rates are 10.9 and 10.2. In the same way as described in the case of 2. Births above, the Death Rate is standardised by the use of a further Comparability Factor. Its value for Dundee is 0.86 and the Adjusted Death Rate corrected by means of this calculation is found to be 9.4. The Provisional Crude Rate for England and Wales as a whole is reckoned by the Registrar General to be 12.1.
4. Infant Mortality:- There were no infant deaths registered in the District. The Infant Mortality Rate for 1971 was 20.0 per 1,000 live births. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales as a whole is 17.0 and the Neonatal Mortality Rate 12.0 per 1,000 live births.
5. Stillbirths:- There were no Stillbirths registered in the District; there were three in 1971 and the Stillbirth Rate was 56.6. The rate for England and Wales is 12.0.
6. Maternal Mortality:- There were no deaths classed to pregnancy and childbirth in 1972.



## SECTION B

### General Provisions of Health Services

In subsequent sections, full details will be found relating to infectious diseases and environmental health within the Urban District, for which the Council is directly responsible.

The present section relates to those health services which concern the personal health and welfare of the individual rather than public health and the community. The Health Committee of the Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for administration of some of these services under Part III of the National Health Service Act.

Liaison between County Council services and District Council services is facilitated by the fact that your Medical Officer of Health is also a School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer.

Laboratory Facilities:- The Public Health Laboratory at Peterborough and the Department of Pathology at Kettering and District Hospital are available for the examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and control of Infectious Disease.

Ambulance Service:- This is one of the services for which the County Council is responsible, and the area is adequately covered.

Domiciliary Services:- These include District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, who are all highly trained, qualified nurses on the staff of the County Medical Officer. The Home Help Service, also provided by the County Council, is proving more and more valuable in relieving people of domestic worries during periods of illness or confinement, and in helping old folks to remain in their own homes, so that they can retain their treasured independence.

### Hospital Accommodation and Out-Patient Facilities:-

<u>General Hospitals:</u>	Northampton, Kettering, Stamford and Peterborough.
<u>Maternity Units:</u>	Kettering, Corby, Stamford and Peterborough.
<u>Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases:</u>	Rushden Hospital, Bourne Chest Hospital and Peterborough District Hospital.
<u>Orthopaedic:</u>	Manfield Hospital, Northampton; Peterborough District Hospital and Kettering General Hospital.
<u>Infectious Diseases:</u>	Harborough Road Hospital; Northampton and St. Peter's Hospital, Peterborough.

## VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS:-

### Out-Patient Department, District Hospital, Peterborough.

(Women)	Tuesday	10.30 a.m. - 12 noon
	Thursday	2.p.m. - 4.p.m.
(Men)	Monday	5.p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
	Wednesday	5.30 p.m. - 7.p.m.

### Out-Patient Department, General Hospital, Kettering

(Women)	Tuesday	4.p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
(Men)	Tuesday	5.30 p.m. - 7.p.m.

### Old Out-Patient Department, General Hospital, Northampton

(Women)	Monday	5.15 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
	Friday	2.15 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
(Men)	Wednesday	2.p.m. - 3.p.m.
	Friday	5.p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Child Health Clinic:- A clinic is held at Fletton House, Glapthorn Road on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 2.p.m.

Immunisation and Vaccination:- Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis and vaccination against Smallpox are free services, available either from the Family Doctor or at the County Child Health Clinics. Certain age groups of children can also be given B.C.G. vaccination to protect against Tuberculosis; this is done through the School Health Service.

A vaccine for the protection of infants against Measles is available and, in accordance with the policy of the County Health Department, a campaign for the control of, and, it is hoped, ultimate eradication of this disease, was commenced in the Autumn of 1968.



National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1954, Section 47:- These acts give Local Authorities powers to enable them to deal expeditiously with certain cases of persons in need of care and attention which they are unable to provide for themselves and are not receiving from other people.

No formal action was taken under this Section of these Acts during 1972.

Meals on Wheels Service:- The Women's Royal Voluntary Service arranges for the delivery of 'Meals on Wheels' twice a week in appropriate cases. Approximately forty meals are served each week and the total number of meals delivered in 1972 was 2,153.

Oundle Evergreen Club:- The Oundle Evergreen Club, which has a membership of over 100, meets once a month. The hard-working Committee arranges various forms of entertainment for these meetings as well as arranging visits to the country and to the seaside.

Oundle and District Care Committee:- This Committee carries on very generous work by visiting the sick at home and in hospital and by providing them with presents and essentials.

The Chiropody Service is also the responsibility of the Committee.

REPORT BY R.E.T. CHINNERY, F.F.S., F.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report upon those matters about which the Department of Health and Social Security require yearly details.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supplies:-

The Nene and Ouse Water Board have maintained a satisfactory supply, both as regards quality and quantity throughout the year.

Six samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were reported as being satisfactory for domestic consumption.

All dwelling houses and house-shops are supplied direct from the mains; the population served (Registrar General's estimate) was 3,850.

The Fluoride content of the water is 0.2 parts per 1,000,000 this is reduced to 0.1 parts per 1,000,000 after filtration and chlorination.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:-

The extension of the sewage disposal works, to provide capacity for a population of 5,400 was completed early in the year.

Samples of effluent taken following completion of the extension were satisfactory.

A surface water sewerage scheme for the Glapthorn Road - New Road area was well in progress at the end of the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal:-

The regular weekly collection of house and trade refuse was maintained during the year. The use of tipping facilities at King's Cliffe, by arrangements with Stamford Borough Council, was commenced during the year owing to space at the Ashton Road Tip, Oundle becoming exhausted.

Public Conveniences, Cemetery and Churchyard:-

These facilities were maintained at a satisfactory standard during the year.

Common Lodging Houses:-

There are none within the Urban District.

Rodent Control:-

All infestations were dealt with as reported or discovered.

Council owned properties particularly the refuse and sewage disposal sites are kept clear; private houses and gardens are dealt with free of charge, while payment is demanded in respect of trade premises treated.

The Council have an arrangement with Oundle Public School whereby infestations of their extensive properties are dealt with on a fixed annual charge basis; this operates satisfactorily to both parties.

As an extension of this service a number of wasps nests have been destroyed again this year free of charge; these insects can cause great annoyance and this service is much appreciated.

## SECTION D

### Housing

#### Provision of New Houses by the Local Authority:-

No houses were built by the Council during the year.

#### Private Enterprise Housing:-

Seventeen houses were completed by private owners, all for owner-occupation, against eleven in the previous year and at 31st December there were fourteen private houses in the course of construction.

#### Unfit Houses Suitable for Clearance or Demolition:-

No action was taken during the year.

#### Grants for Conversion or Improvement:-

Two applications for grants for the provision of Standard Amenities were approved, the same as for the previous year.

Seven applications for Improvement Grants were approved, compared with two in the previous year.

## Housing Survey, 1972

A Housing Survey was carried out during the year, a summary of the results being given below. It will be seen that tenants and owner-occupiers are almost equal in number: 332 of the tenanted houses are, however owned by the Council - 1,094 houses were inspected.

All houses have mains water supplies, internal in all but 9 houses.

Only 25 houses are not drained to public sewers.

996 houses have bathrooms, 1,001 having internal water closets, the remaining 93 have external W.Cs.

### Details of Classification

Column 4. Unfit for habitation within the meaning of the Housing Act, 1957, i.e. suitable for Clearance, Demolition or Major Improvement.

5. Up to the 12 point standard, Housing Act, 1969.

6. Capable of improvement up to 12 point standard.

No. Inspected	Occupied		Water Supply		Drainage		W.C.		Bathroom		Classification		
	O/O	Tenant	Internal	Other	Sewer	Other	Internal	Other	Yes	No	4.	5.	6.
1,094	554	540	1,085	9	1,069	25	1,001	93	996	28	25	968	101

There are still a number of houses requiring improvements, including the provision of bathroom and internal sanitation but the percentage is happily small and well within reach; the number of unsatisfactory houses, 25, is also small; about half of these are included in a proposed Clearance Area and some of the others are expected to be brought up to standard by the owners.

Generally speaking, Oundle can be said to present no special housing problem, the great majority of its houses providing modern living standards.



## SECTION E

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

Milk Supply:- There are no producer-retailers of milk within the Urban District.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963:- There are no pasteurisation plants within the Urban District.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970:-

Number of food premises subject to these Regulations.

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<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. Complying with Reg. 18</u> (Provision of wash- hand basins)	<u>No. to which Reg. 21 applies</u> (Provision of washing facilities for food and equip- ment)	<u>No. Complying with Reg. 21</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Butchers	4	4	4	4
Bakers	1	1	1	1
Confectioners	2	2	2	2
Fish	2	2	2	2
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Grocers, Provisions and 'General'	11	11	11	11
Hotels, Caterers and Licensed premises	11	11	11	11

Poultry Inspection:- There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

Meat Inspection:- There are no slaughterhouses within the District.

Food Inspection:- Visits were made to the premises listed above, particularly during the Summer months and the co-operation of food traders generally in maintaining a high standard of equipment, cleanliness and hygiene was appreciated.

During the year a total of 398 items of food were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption, the majority due to failure of frozen food cabinets.



Food Samples:- I am indebted to the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Northamptonshire County Council for the following report upon samples taken in Oundle by his Inspectors during the twelve months ended 31 March 1973.

SAMPLES TAKEN IN OUNDLE URBAN DISTRICT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 1973

Yoghourt ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milk ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Butter ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cheese and Cheese Spread	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Health Drinks ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Margarine .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cream ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
U.H.T. Milk ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nut and Fruit Mix	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Spirits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meat Products ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cooking Oil ...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL									<u>28</u>

Remarks:-

All the samples which were procured in the Urban District during the period under review were found to be satisfactory by the Public Analyst and call for no particular comment. Two samples of pasteurised milk which were sent to the Public Health Laboratory for examination were reported to have satisfied the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests.

## SECTION F

### THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968

Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations

Notification of Food Poisoning and Infectious Diseases

The Infectious Diseases to be notified to the Medical Officer of Health are:-

Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Acute Meningitis	Paratyphoid Fever
Acute Poliomyelitis	Plague
Anthrax	Relapsing Fever
Cholera	Scarlet Fever
Diphtheria	Smallpox
Dysentery (Amoebic or Bacillary)	Tetanus
Food Poisoning or Suspected Food Poisoning	Tuberculosis
Infective Jaundice	Typhoid Fever
Leprosy	Typhus
Leptospirosis	Whooping Cough
Malaria	Yellow Fever
Measles	

Responsibility for notifying a case or suspected case of Food Poisoning or Infectious Disease rests exclusively on the Medical Practitioner attending the patient unless he believes that another practitioner has already notified the case.

Only three cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year. A decrease of four on last year's figure.

Measles:- Three cases were notified compared with six cases in 1971. All were nursed at home.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus:- Routine immunisation of infants under one year of age with Triple Antigen has again shown its efficacy in preventing these diseases.

Immunisation is carried out either by the Family Doctor or at the County Health Department's clinics. No cases occurred.

Poliomyelitis:- This is the fourth disease which is prevented by routine immunisation in infancy. This is again done either by the Family Doctor or at the Health Department's clinics. No cases occurred.

Scarlet Fever:- No cases were reported. There was one case in the previous year.

Gastro-Intestinal Diseases:- There have been no cases of Gastro-Intestinal diseases due to Dysenteric organisms or Salmonellosis.

Infectious Hepatitis:- No cases were reported.

Leprosy:- Under the Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1966 Leprosy is now notifiable to the District Medical Officer of Health. No notifications of Leprosy were received.

Smallpox:- There were no cases.

Tuberculosis:- There were no notifications of Tuberculosis during 1972 and no deaths were classed to this cause.

#### Dangerous Necklace Beads:-

On May 26th, information was received that foreign necklaces had been imported, the beads of which contain an extremely toxic poison i.e. Abrin.

A check was accordingly made on Fancy-goods and Toy Shops and Head Teachers were apprised of the situation.

The "beads" are really berries of the Vine, Abrus Precatorius which is native to Asia, Africa and Mexico. The colour of the beads is red with black spots on the surface giving a 'Ladybird' appearance.

Thirty strings of these beads were found in various places throughout the Area of Health Division No. 2 and arrangements were made for their destruction by incineration.

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1972

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1972

Disease	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+	All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths	Age Unknown
Measles	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-

SECTION G

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	17	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	1	1	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Totals	21	18	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

No outworkers premises are registered with the authority.



THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A  
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspec- tions during the year
Offices	-	19	19
Retail Shops	-	39	39
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	4	4
Fuel storage depots	-	3	3
Totals	-	65	65

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections)  
to registered premises

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN  
REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	115
Retail shops	136
Wholesale department, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	17
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	14
Total	286
Total Males	147
Total Females	139





